

CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR—STEPS IN 1116 FOR REDUCTION

70. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): Will Government be pleased to state what steps, if any, they have taken in 1116 for reducing the consumption of liquor in the State?

Mr. M. Raman Menon (*Commissioner of Excise*):

- (a) Wherever there was not much demand for liquor, shops were abolished.
- (b) The limit of private possession of toddy without a license was reduced to 16 drams or 1/3 gallon in all Municipalities and within a distance of 5 miles from Municipalities.
- (c) Vigorous preventive steps were taken to put down illicit traffic in liquor.

GRANT-IN-AID DISPENSARIES

71. Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Chittur-Tattamangalam*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) the number of Grant-in-aid Dispensaries in the State and the places where they are located;
- (b) the number of Government dispensaries and the names of places where they are located;
- (c) the number of out-patients who have attended the various
 - (1) Grant-in-aid dispensaries;
 - (2) the Government dispensaries in 1113, 1114 and 1115 (the figures in each dispensary to be given separately);
- (d) the number of in-patients in the various Government dispensaries in the said years and the number of beds provided in each of these Government Dispensaries.

Dr. T. Verghese (*Chief Medical Officer*):

- (a) 18 (for places please see the list placed on the Table).
- (b) 16. The Dispensary at Vadakkancheri was converted into a hospital early this year. (For places please see the list placed on the Table).
- (c) and (d) Please see the list placed on the Table.